

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the following is a complete listing of the claims of the present application. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-66. (canceled)

67. (withdrawn, currently amended) An isolated filamentous polymer comprising polypeptide subunits coalesced into ordered aggregates, wherein each at least one of the polypeptide subunits comprises a SCHAG amino acid sequence as set forth in claim 124 or claim 127,

~~wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence includes at least one substitution of an amino acid residue having a reactive amino acid side chain, and~~

~~wherein the reactive side chain of the substituted amino acid is exposed to the environment of the polymer to permit subsequent attachment of a substituent and has a moiety selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, a carbohydrate, a fluorescent dye, a chromatic dye, an antibody, a growth factor, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, a catalyst, a light-harvesting moiety, and a light altering moiety attached thereto.~~

68.- 100. (canceled)

101. (withdrawn, currently amended) A purified fiber comprised of an ordered aggregate of polypeptides that comprise a SCHAG amino acid sequence as set forth in claim 124 or claim 127, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence includes at least one substitution of an amino acid residue having a reactive amino acid side chain, and wherein the substituted amino acid is exposed to the environment in an ordered aggregate comprised of said polypeptides and has a moiety selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, a carbohydrate, a fluorescent dye, a chromatic dye, an antibody, a growth factor, a hormone, a toxin, a detoxicant, a catalyst, a light-harvesting moiety, and a light altering moiety attached to its side chain, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid sequence that is at least 70% identical to a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, and 50, and prion aggregation domain fragments thereof.

102. – 103. (canceled)

104. (withdrawn, currently amended) A purified fiber according to claim 101 ~~103~~, wherein the amino acid with the reactive amino acid side chain is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, serine, glutamate, aspartate, asparagine, glutamine, and arginine.

105. – 106. (canceled)

107. (withdrawn, currently amended) A purified fiber according to claim 101 ~~106~~, wherein the polypeptides further include an epitope tag.

108. (withdrawn, currently amended) A fiber according to claim 101 ~~106~~, wherein the polypeptides further include a polyhistidine tag.

109. (withdrawn, currently amended) A fiber according to claim 101 ~~106~~, wherein the polypeptides further include a moiety-substituent-attached to the reactive amino acid side chain, the moiety substituent selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, a carbohydrate, a fluorescent dye, a chromatic dye, an antibody, a growth factor, a hormone, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, a catalyst, a light-harvesting moietysubstituent, and a light altering moietysubstituent.

110. (withdrawn, currently amended) A fiber according to claim 109 ~~106~~, wherein the moiety substituent is a metal atom.

111.-116. (canceled)

117. (withdrawn, currently amended) A fiber according to claim 101, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 2, or prion aggregation domain fragments thereof, with the proviso that amino acid 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2 has been substituted for by cysteine.

118. (withdrawn, currently amended) A fiber according to claim 101, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 2, or prion aggregation domain fragments thereof, with the proviso that amino acid 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2 has been substituted for by an amino acid selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine.

119.-123. (canceled)

124. (previously presented) A purified polypeptide comprising a SCHAG amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to amino acids 2 to 113 of SEQ ID NO: 2;

wherein the polypeptide self-coalesces into higher ordered aggregates,

wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid with a reactable side chain selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine substituted for the amino acid present at position 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2, and

wherein the reactable side chain is exposed to the environment in the polypeptide aggregates.

125. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 124, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid with a reactable side chain selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine substituted for the amino acid present at position 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2 and said amino acid substituted at position 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2 is the only has exactly one amino acid with a reactive side chain present occurrence of said amino acid in the SCHAG amino acid sequence.

126. (currently amended) A purified polypeptide according to claim 124, wherein the amino acid with a reactable side chain is a cysteine or a glutamate residue.

127. (previously presented) A purified polypeptide comprising a SCHAG amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to amino acids 2 to 253 of SEQ ID NO: 2;

wherein the polypeptide self-coalesces into higher ordered aggregates,

wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid with a reactable side chain selected from the group consisting of cysteine and arginine substituted for the amino acid present at position 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2; and

wherein the reactable side chain is exposed to the environment in the polypeptide aggregates.

128. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 127, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid with a reactable side chain selected from the group consisting of cysteine and arginine substituted for the amino acid present at position 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2, and said amino acid substituted at position 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2 is the only has exactly one amino acid with a reactive side chain occurrence of said amino acid in the SCHAG amino acid sequence.

129. (currently amended) A purified polypeptide according to claim 127, wherein the amino acid with the reactable side chain is a cysteine residue.

130. (canceled)

131. (canceled)

132. (previously presented) A polypeptide according to claim 124 comprising an amino acid sequence identical to amino acids 2 to 113 of SEQ ID NO: 2, except at the position in said amino acid sequence that corresponds to position 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

133. (previously presented) A polypeptide according to claim 127 comprising an amino acid sequence identical to amino acids 2 to 253 of SEQ ID NO: 2, except at the position in said amino acid sequence that corresponds to position 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

134. (previously presented) A polymer comprising polypeptide subunits coalesced into ordered aggregates, wherein at least one of the polypeptide subunits comprises a polypeptide according to claim 124 or 127.

135. (previously presented) A polymer comprising polypeptide subunits coalesced into ordered aggregates, wherein all of the polypeptide subunits comprise a polypeptide according to claim 124 or 127.

136. (canceled)

137. (previously presented) A polymer according to claim 134 that has a fiber morphology.

138. (previously presented) A polymer according to claim 137 attached to a solid support.

139. (previously presented) A polymer comprising polypeptide subunits coalesced into fibrous aggregates, wherein at least one of the polypeptide subunits comprises a polypeptide according to any one of claims 144-145.

140. (previously presented) A polymer according to claim 139, wherein the polymer is attached to a solid support.

141.-143. (canceled)

144. (currently amended) A purified polypeptide comprising the SCHAG amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, with the proviso that amino acid 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2 has been substituted for by a cysteine or glutamate, or comprising a sequence at least 90%

identical to the SCHAG amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 with the proviso that amino acid 184 of the sequence at least 90% identical to the SCHAG amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 is a cysteine or glutamate, wherein the polypeptide sequence self-coalesces to form higher ordered aggregates.

145. (currently amended) A purified polypeptide comprising the SCHAG amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, with the proviso that amino acid 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2 has been substituted for by an amino acid selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine, or comprising a sequence at least 90% identical to the SCHAG amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 with the proviso that amino acid 2 of the sequence at least 90% identical to the SCHAG amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine, wherein the sequence polypeptide self-coalesces to form higher ordered aggregates.

146. (withdrawn, currently amended) A purified fiber according to claim 101, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% identical to amino acids 2-113 or amino acids 2-253 of SEQ ID NO: 2-a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS: 2, 4, and 50 and prion aggregation domain fragments thereof.

147. (canceled)

148. (withdrawn, currently amended) A purified fiber comprised of an ordered aggregate of polypeptides that comprise a SCHAG amino acid sequence as set forth in claim 124 or claim 127,

~~wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence includes at least one amino acid residue having a reactive amino acid side chain that is exposed to the environment in an ordered aggregate comprised of said polypeptides, and~~

wherein the polypeptides further include a moiety a substituent attached to the reactive amino acid side chain, wherein the moiety is substituent selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, a carbohydrate, an antibody, a growth factor, a hormone, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, and a catalyst.

149. (canceled)

150. (currently amended) A SCHAG polypeptide that comprises:
an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a SCHAG amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to amino acids 2-253 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid with a reactable side chain selected from the group consisting of cysteine and arginine substituted for the amino acid present at position 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2; and

(b) a SCHAG amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to amino acids 2-113 of SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid with a reactable side chain selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine substituted for the amino acid present at position 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2;

(c) amino acid sequences that are at least 90% identical to (a) or (b) and that self coalesce into ordered aggregates; and

wherein there is a moiety at least one substituent attached to a side chain of the SCHAG polypeptide, wherein the moiety at least one substituent is selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, a carbohydrate, a fluorescent dye, a chromatic dye, an antibody, a growth factor, a hormone, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, a catalyst, a light-harvesting moiety substituent, and a light altering moiety substituent, and wherein the side chain is one that is exposed to the environment when the SCHAG polypeptide self-coalesces to form an ordered aggregate.

151. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 150, wherein the moiety substituent is selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, an antibody, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, and a catalyst.

152. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 151, wherein the substituent is attached to the side chain of an amino acid of the polypeptide, wherein the amino acid substituted at position 2 of SEQ ID NO:2 is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine.

153. (previously presented) A polypeptide according to claim 151, wherein the amino acid is cysteine.

154. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 153, wherein the cysteine is substituted for the amino acid present at position 2 or 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

155. (previously presented) A polypeptide according to claim 150 that is attached to a solid support.

156. (withdrawn) A fiber comprised of:

SCHAG polypeptides as set forth in claim 150 coalesced into a fibrous ordered aggregate.

157. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 155, wherein the moiety ~~the at least one substituent~~ is selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, an antibody, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, and a catalyst.

158. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 150 + 57, wherein the polypeptide comprises comprising at least two moieties attached to side chains of the polypeptide, wherein the moieties are different substituents.

159. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 157, wherein the at least one substituent is attached to the side chain of an amino acid of the SCHAG polypeptides, wherein the amino acid substituted at position 2 of SEQ ID NO:2 is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine.

160. (previously presented) A polypeptide according to claim 159, wherein the amino acid is cysteine.

161. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 160, wherein the cysteine is substituted for the amino acid present at position 2 or 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

162. (withdrawn, currently amended) A polypeptide fiber according to claim 156 that is attached to a solid support.

163. (canceled)